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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Colleague:

It has been eight years since the state of Missouri Psychology Act (1977 H.B. 255) was passed and signed into law. Unfortunately there is still a considerable lack of awareness of the details of the Act and its ramifications. This lack of clarity only serves to obfuscate issues which relate to the tasks of the State Committee. These issues are specific to the review of candidates applying for licensure, promulgation of proposed new rules and potential disciplinary action of licensees.

The Committee, as has been mentioned publicly, is an arm of the government of the state of Missouri, more specifically, of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, which itself is a part of the Department of Economic Development (formerly Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation, and Licensing). As such, it must operate with due regard for the procedures and principles specific to such governmental bodies and the laws and regulations that pertain to these bodies.

There has been considerable discussion in recent months regarding proposed rules and regulations. On a statutory basis, the section of the law which refers to this reads as follows:

"The Department may adopt and promulgate rules governing the conduct of the committee members, setting forth limits of reimbursement of its members, as set forth in subsection 4 of this section, and such other rules, in accordance with law, as shall be reasonable and proper in enabling the Committee to function and carry out the purposes of this chapter. All such rules shall be promulgated and published in the manner provided in chapter 536, RSMo."

The Committee has in the past promulgated such rules, and will continue to promulgate rules which meet the intent and spirit of the law, not only as an aid to its functioning, but also to help potential candidates pass through the many hurdles they face.

Although the Committee decided to withdraw all of the proposed rules, positive comments were received about all of the proposed rules, and nearly universally positive comments were received about three: 1) allowing doctoral level candidates two years to accumulate 1500 hours of post-doctorate experience (rather than one year); 2) allowing master's candidates four years to accumulate 3,000 hours of experience (rather than three years); and 3) considering APA-accreditation as one possible alternate educational pathway to meeting the law's educational requirements. The Committee is planning to resubmit these three proposed rules and announce a public hearing.

Lastly, it has been frequently observed that many individuals believe that the Committee itself consists of either only psychologists in private practice, or only clinical psychologists. The membership of SCOP has always met the Psychology Practice Act requirements:

"two members of the Committee are primarily engaged in teaching, training or research.
... and at least two members are primarily engaged in rendering services in psychology."

Beyond the Act itself, and the operations of the Committee, it is important to keep in mind that it is not unusual for some degree of tension to exist between the members of a profession, and the regulatory bodies which license and oversee the activities of that profession. Perhaps up until recently there has been something of a "honeymoon" period in Missouri. Hopefully as time goes on, the Committee and the profession will learn better how to work with this tension, as well as respect the legislative wisdom inherent in Chapter 337.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth L. Russ, Ph.D.
Chairperson

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME . . .

The use of the term "Licensed Psychologist"

Recently there have been several questions concerning how licensed psychologists in Missouri can indicate to the public their special area of psychological specialty or training.

Missouri has what is called a "generic" license for psychologists. This means that psychologists are *not* licensed according to their specialty. Rather, there is only *one* license issued in Missouri which gives the person the right to refer to himself or herself as a *licensed psychologist*.

It is thus inappropriate for business cards, letterhead stationery, or announcements to refer to a person as a licensed *clinical psychologist*, or a licensed *counseling psychologist*, etc.

Missouri law does not permit specialty licensing so psychologists in this state may not represent themselves as holding a specialty license. In addition, the currently adopted ethical standards instruct psychologists to practice within their areas of competence. The ethical standards state:

"... The maintenance of high standards of competence is a responsibility shared by all psychologists in the interest of the public and the profession as a whole. Psychologists recognize the boundaries of their competence and the limitations of their techniques. They only provide services and only use techniques for which they are qualified by training and experience. In those areas in which recognized standards do not yet exist, psychologists take whatever precautions are necessary to protect the welfare of their clients. They maintain knowledge of current scientific and professional information related to the services they render.

... Psychologists accurately represent their competence, education, training, and experience. They claim as evidence of educational qualifications only those degrees obtained from institutions acceptable under the bylaws and rules of council of the American Psychological Association."

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If a psychologist wishes to reflect an area of specialty, this can be accomplished by any one of the following ways: clinical psychologist, licensed in Missouri; licensed psychologist with a degree in counseling psychology; Missouri licensed psychologist practicing school psychology, and so forth. The State Committee urges you to check all letterhead stationery, business cards, announcements, etc. to make sure that you are properly representing your licensed professional status as a psychologist.

SUNSHINE

SCOP meetings are and have always been open to the public. We welcome visitors to the public meetings of the State Committee of Psychologists. Scheduled meetings are usually in alternate months on a Saturday and Sunday but occasionally start on Friday afternoon if the agenda is over-long. Meetings are most frequently in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia or Jefferson City. A tentative schedule will appear in each newsletter, the SCOP office can confirm time and location of the next meeting.

Because the Committee must act in a limited time on a large volume of material, much of it with deadlines that are of serious concern to our constituency, it is virtually impossible to address any topics not on the published agenda. Following are some policies relating to communication with SCOP and attendance at meetings.

1. A guest register will be placed near the entrance for name, address and organization represented.
2. A copy of the Open Meeting Agenda with any changes noted will be available.
3. Observers will be advised when the Committee must be in Closed Session and of the anticipated reopening time.
4. The Committee will endeavor to adhere to the published order of the agenda, though there may be times when this is impossible.
5. Observers are welcome and urged to communicate with the Committee by writing the office to the attention of Sue Wilson who will distribute copies.
6. Observers may request to address the Committee during a meeting by written request to Mrs. Wilson a minimum of three weeks before the meeting date. The lead-time is necessary to assure the topic and time may be included in the published agenda.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. I'm licensed in the state of Missouri as a psychologist and now find I must move out of the state to follow my wife's job change. What states have reciprocity with the state of Missouri?

A. Almost all states grant reciprocity with Missouri if the candidate meets their state requirements. That's the clause that allows each state an 'out.' There are some exceptions.

1. These states did not reply:
Mississippi
Nevada
Oregon
2. These states require an oral examination:
California
District of Columbia
New Mexico
Virginia
Washington
3. These states require an ethics exam or exam covering their state statutes, rules and regulations:
Alaska
Maryland
New York
4. Nebraska has no formal agreement but reviews each candidate individually.
5. Oklahoma recognizes a Missouri license only if the candidate is a diplomat of ABPP.
6. Michigan has no reciprocity. Each candidate must take the Michigan State Board examination.

KUDOS TO:

The Board congratulates:

Dr. Paul King

Professor in the Educational and Counseling Psychology Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia, who received the national ROGER C. SMITH AWARD, conferred by the American Association of State Psychology Boards, at the American Psychological Association Convention in Los Angeles in August.

King, a member of the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Education faculty since 1962, has been given the award for significant contributions to psychology licensing regulation during his career. He has been a member of this committee for five years and chairperson for two years.

Mr. Gary Clark

Executive Secretary of the State Committee of Psychologists, who has been elected Chairman-elect of the Clearinghouse on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation. CLEAR is a cooperating agency within the Council of State Governments. The organization works to facilitate communication among licensing board members, administrators and others in the professional-occupational regulation community.

A diverse group of officials form CLEAR's governance. The organization's activity includes the maintenance of a substantial collection of articles, reports, state statutes and regulations, and comparative state studies regarding licensing issues. Prominent among its other activities CLEAR maintains the National Disciplinary Information System. This is a computerized interstate system for collection and disseminating final disciplinary actions taken by licensing boards. In addition to an annual, national conference, CLEAR also sponsors several regional training conferences each year.

Clark will assume the post of Chairman in 1986. He said much of his time would be devoted to projects designed to enhance the professionalism of board members and key staff of licensing boards. This could take the form of an orientation manual or through organizational assistance at the state level for a training seminar for new licensing board members.

NEWLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

April 19, 1985 — Examination

Barbara Bauer, Ph.D.
Brian Belden, Ph.D.
Joan Bender, Ph.D.
Carole Bernard, Ph.D.
Robert Berryman, M.S.
Ronald Botto, Ph.D.
Robert Briggs, Ph.D.

Susan Buckelew, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Campbell, Ph.D.
Peggy Cantrell, Ph.D.
Bette Fletcher, Ph.D.
John Fontana, M.A.
J. Gibson Henderson, Ph.D.
Milton Lasoski, Ph.D.

David Miller, Ph.D.
Philip Mothersead, M.S.
John O'Rourke, M.S.
David Peaco, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Sugerman, Ph.D.
Ronald Szymankowski, Ph.D.
David Tucker, Ph.D.
Karen Wood, M.A.

1985 — Reciprocity

Robert H. Blum, Ph.D.
Daniel L. Bode, Ph.D.
Joan A. Dallam, Ph.D.
Raymond P. Dalton, Ph.D.
Joyce A. Davidson, M.S.
Robert E. Dunn, Ph.D.

Elaine K. Hankin, M.Ed.
Robert W. Kennedy, Ph.D.
Roy Kletti, M.A.
Thomas M. Krapu, Ph.D.
Sandra G. Logan, Ph.D.
Jane W. Ruedi, Ph.D.
Thomas L. Vogel, Ph.D.

1985 — Endorsement of Score

John S. Davis, Jr., Ph.D.
Jonathan J. Noce, Jr., Ph.D.

Number taking Exam	33
Number passed.	22
National Exam Mean	138

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next PES Psychology Exams

October 11, 1985	April 11, 1986
Jefferson City, MO	Jefferson City, MO

Next SCOP Board Meetings

November 2 & 3, 1985	January 11 & 12, 1986
Omni Hotel	Holidome
St. Louis, MO	Columbia, MO

March 8 & 9, 1986	May 10 & 11, 1986
Holiday Inn	Embassy Suites
Clayton, MO	Kansas City, MO

July 12 & 13, 1986
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NOTICE

There has been a change in the meeting dates and place for the next SCOP Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the State Committee of Psychologists will be held on January 17 and 18, 1986, at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

The meeting on Friday, the 17th, will begin at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meeting on Saturday, the 18th, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. or upon the completion of the board business.

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